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Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

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Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Fiscal Year 2006 Budget

Delaware Water Gap NRA Superintendent John J Donahue announced today that the park's annual budget is available for review, as required by the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998.

For Fiscal Year 2006, which began in October of 2005, the park has total financial resources of approximately \$ 27,525,000, distributed within the following categories:

- \$ 8,396,000 in Operation of the National Park System (ONPS) funds
- \$ 4,715,000 in construction funds
- \$ 11,399,000 in road construction funds
- \$ 2,315,000 in one-year NER and WASO funds
- \$ 700,000 in park generated revenue

The park's FY06 annual ONPS appropriation of \$ 8,396,000 will be utilized as follows:

\$ 900,000 for resource preservation and management. This includes both natural and cultural resources research, compliance, preservation and management.

\$ 2,805,000 to address visitor services. This includes interpretive programs, the operation of visitor centers, publication of park brochures and interpretive materials, lifeguards, law enforcement, emergency services, and operation of the park emergency communications center.

\$ 2,963,000 for facilities maintenance and operations. This includes janitorial services, trash removal, preservation of historic structures, and maintenance and repair of all park facilities, signs, grounds, roads and trails, and utility expenses.

\$ 1,028,000 for park administration. These funds are used to provide the necessary personnel, budget and accounting, procurement, property management, and information technology services, to operate the park's fee collection programs, and for the Equal Opportunity program.

\$ 700,000 for park management. These funds are utilized for the oversight of all park functions, including the safety program, public affairs, business management, historic leasing and general park management, and for employee relocation costs

Construction funds of \$ 4,715,000 will be utilized as follows:

\$ 2,896,000 for the construction of the NJ Swim Beach.

\$ 750,000 for the on-going construction of McDade Recreation Trail.

\$ 697,000 for planning, design and construction of new lodging at PEEC.

\$ 20,000 for planning and design work for new restrooms at many park locations.

\$ 30,000 for planning and design work for the rehabilitation of Childs Park.

\$ 322,000 for the ongoing restoration of Marie Zimmerman House.

Road construction funds of \$ 11,399,000 will be utilized as follow

\$ 5,470,000 for re-construction of US Route 209 between mile marker 16.1 and 17.9.

\$ 1,000,000 for replacement of the bridge at Toms Creek on US Route 209.

\$ 500,000 for emergency repair of Old Mine Road.

\$ 500,000 for building the access road to the NJ Swim Beach.

\$ 3,929,000 for planning and design of FY 07 & FY 08 road construction projects.

Northeast Region and Washington one-year funds of \$ 2,315,000 will be utilized as follows:

\$ 1,260,000 in Emergency Storm Damage funds will be used to repair park facilities that were damaged as a result of last year's flooding. This includes \$500,000 to replace the Kittatinny Point Visitor Center, and \$760,000 for other repair work park-wide.

\$ 287,200 in FIREPRO funds will be used for wildland fire preparedness and suppression, for reduction of fuel hazards, and for prescribed fire research.

\$ 178,600 in Repair/Rehab funds will be used to repair damages to historic houses, and to install a fire suppression system at the park's cultural resources center.

\$ 265,200 in Cyclic Maintenance funds will be used to repaint and install new windows and doors at the Bushkill Fire/EPMT building, to replace overhead doors at the Chado fire cache, to resurface the Dingmans Falls boardwalk, to paint and repair several of the park's housing units, and to replace the roofs at the historic Bushkill Reformed Church and the Ramirez Solar house.

\$ 120,000 in Equipment Replacement funds will be used to replace telephone systems.

\$ 157,000 in Environmental Management funds will be used to install a lead containment system at the firing range, to remove two underground storage tanks at the Dingman fuel station, to develop a storm water management plan, and to remove hazardous materials from Cliff Park Inn.

\$ 7,000 in Volunteer in Park funds will be used for uniforms and stipends for park volunteers.

\$ 25,000 in Public Land Corps funds will be used to fund a summer trail crew.

\$ 5,000 in GIS-Project funds will be used for Landscape Change Monitoring software and training for park staff.

\$10,000 in NRPP funds for management of black bear populations.

Park generated revenues of \$ 700,000 will be utilized as follows:

\$ 400,000 from fee revenues will be used to cover the cost of collections, improve the Rivers Bend Group Campground, complete the development of the new Valley View Group Campground, control commercial vehicle use on Route 209, replace park signs, and replace unsafe/deteriorated cable gates.

\$ 150,000 income from rental of park housing will go back into the maintenance of those houses.

\$ 150,000 in revenues from Special Park Use Permits and Concessions Fees (includes building leases, special events, agriculture leases, concessions, and incidental business permits) will be used to offset salary costs associated with managing those activities.